

1 WHEREAS, by providing educational health programs on chronic kidney disease,
2 people with or at risk for this disease can acquire the necessary information to combat
3 chronic kidney disease; and

4 WHEREAS, by increasing awareness of chronic kidney disease through promoting
5 kidney health and promoting early diagnosis and treatment and preventing and controlling
6 risk factors for chronic kidney disease, people with or at risk for chronic kidney disease can
7 take the necessary steps to protect their kidneys.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 establish the Kidney Disease Prevention and Education Task Force to study and make
10 recommendations for increasing awareness of chronic kidney disease, to work with
11 policymakers, public health entities, and educational institutions to create educational health
12 programs to promote awareness.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force shall be as
14 follows:

- 15 (1) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.
- 16 (2) The chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Science Center at
17 New Orleans or his designee.
- 18 (3) The chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Science Center at
19 Shreveport or his designee.
- 20 (4) One representative from the National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana.
- 21 (5) One representative from the Louisiana State Medical Society.
- 22 (6) One representative from the Louisiana Public Health Institute.
- 23 (7) One representative appointed by the American Kidney Fund.
- 24 (8) One representative from the Tulane University School of Medicine.
- 25 (9) One representative from the Louisiana Primary Care Association.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall
27 provide staff support as needed by the task force.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the first meeting, the members of the task
29 force shall elect a chairperson, who shall preside over the task force.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force shall serve without
2 compensation.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall convene its first meeting by
4 September 1, 2021, and shall meet as frequently as it deems necessary for the timely
5 performance of its duties.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of
7 its findings and recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana not later than thirty days
8 prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall study and make
10 recommendations to matters that include but are not limited to the following:

11 (1) The examination of existing disparities, if any, on how chronic kidney
12 disease, transplantation, and kidney donation affect and impact non-
13 minorities versus minorities and how to reduce or eliminate those disparities.

14 (2) The development of a sustainable plan to increase awareness about early
15 detection, promote health equity and transplantation, and reduce the burden
16 of kidney diseases throughout the state of Louisiana.

17 (3) The development of a sustainable plan to conduct health education
18 workshops and seminars in order to promote awareness about chronic kidney
19 disease.

20 (4) The development of a sustainable plan to increase preventive screening of
21 chronic kidney disease in order to help bring awareness to the disease and to
22 screen, find, and treat people who may have the disease.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the chancellor of the Louisiana State
25 University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, the chancellor of the Louisiana State
26 University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, the chief executive officer of the National
27 Kidney Foundation of Louisiana, the president of the Louisiana State Medical Society, the
28 chief executive officer of the Louisiana Public Health Institute, the president and chief
29 executive officer of the American Kidney Fund, the dean of the Tulane University School
30 of Medicine, and the president of the Louisiana Primary Care Association.

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